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H. R. 4323

To amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to give States the option of providing medical assistance to certain legal immigrant children and to increase allotments to territories under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 1998

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ (for himself, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. RUSH, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. FURSE, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. STOKES, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. FAZIO of California, Ms. LEE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicaid and Chil-
3 dren’s Health Improvement Amendments of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATE OPTION TO COVER LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHIL-**
5 **DREN UNDER MEDICAID AND THE CHIL-**
6 **DREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) MEDICAID.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subclause
11 (XIII);

12 (2) by adding “or” at the end of subclause
13 (XIV); and

14 (3) by adding after subclause (XIV) the follow-
15 ing new subclause:

16 “(XV) who are described in sec-
17 tion 1905(a)(i) and who would be eli-
18 gible for medical assistance (or for a
19 greater amount of medical assistance)
20 under the State plan under this title
21 but for the provisions of section 403
22 or section 421 of Public Law 104-
23 193, but the State may not exercise
24 the option of providing medical assist-
25 ance under this subclause with respect

1 to a subcategory of individuals de-
2 scribed in this subclause;”.

3 (b) CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.—

4 Section 2110(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1397jj(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting before the
7 semicolon “(including, at the option of the State, a
8 child described in paragraph (3)(B))”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (3)—

10 (A) by striking “SPECIAL RULE.—” and
11 inserting “SPECIAL RULES.—

12 “(A) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—”;

13 (B) by indenting the remainder of the text
14 accordingly; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 subparagraph:

17 “(B) ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANT
18 CHILDREN.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A),
19 a child is described in this subparagraph if—

20 “(i) the child would be determined eli-
21 gible for child health assistance under this
22 title but for provisions of sections 403 and
23 section 421 of Public Law 104–193; and

24 “(ii) the State exercises the option to
25 provide medical assistance to the category

1 of individuals described in section
2 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV).”.

3 **SEC. 3. INCREASED ALLOTMENTS UNDER CHILDREN'S**
4 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR TERRI-**
5 **TORIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(c) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(c)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the al-
11 lotment under paragraph (1), the Secretary
12 shall allot each commonwealth and territory de-
13 scribed in paragraph (3) the applicable percent-
14 age specified in paragraph (2) of the amount
15 appropriated under subparagraph (B).

16 “(B) APPROPRIATION.—For purposes of
17 providing allotments pursuant to subparagraph
18 (A), there is appropriated, out of any money in
19 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

20 “(i) \$34,200,000 for each of fiscal
21 years 1999 through 2001;

22 “(ii) \$25,200,000 for each of fiscal
23 years 2002 through 2004;

24 “(iii) \$32,400,000 for each of fiscal
25 years 2005 and 2006; and

1 “(iv) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year
2 2007.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2104(b)(1)
4 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(b)(1)) is amended by in-
5 serting “(determined without regard to paragraph (4)
6 thereof)” after “subsection (c)”.

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